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MEMORANDUM FOR: AIS Observers

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SUBJECT: Revised Photo Logs

Recently, the Northeast Fisheries Observer Program added a field (**OBS/TRIP ID**) to the photo log to eliminate confusion as to which photos were taken on a trip. Attached you'll find a copy of the revised photo log instructions, a data log with field numbers, an example data log and multiple blank data logs for your use. Please discard leftover copies of the previous logs and begin to use the revised logs. The revised logs have the date of 06/01/03 in the top left hand corner. Please staple the revised logs into your Program Manual, for future reference.

As a reminder, if you are photographing Sturgeons please remember to photograph the anal region, specifically the presence or absence of anal scutes in addition to the head, mouth and underside of the snout and the barbel length. Also, if you are on a vessel and an incidental take occurs please take **multiple** photographs and send the camera, along with your completed photo log, in with your data immediately. These photographs are used for real-time confirmation of ID. If you have any questions please contact Sara Quinn at [Sara.Quinn@noaa.gov](mailto:Sara.Quinn@noaa.gov) or (508)495-2227.

Also you'll find a crab placard enclosed that has photographs and information about easily confused species of crab. If you have questions about this please contact [Nicole.Gilles@noaa.gov](mailto:Nicole.Gilles@noaa.gov) or (508)495-2330.

Thank you.